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SUBJECT: TURK CYPRIOT ALERT

1. TURK CYPRIOTS HAVE GONE ONTO LOW LEVEL MILITARY ALERT AS PRECAUTIONARY MOVE KEYED TO IMPENDING ANNIVERSARY OF COUP D'ETAT AND TURKISH INVASION. THUS FAR, ALERT INVOLVES LITTLE MORE THAN INCREASED READINESS; TMT RESERVES HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN CALLED UP.

2. EARLIER THIS WEEK, TURK CYPRIOTS DID TEST RECALL SYSTEM FOR FIRST TIME IN SIX MONTHS. RESERVES WERE CALLED TO ASSEMBLY AREAS BUT WERE NOT REPEAT NOT ISSUED WEAPONS NOR WERE THEY PLACED ON DUTY STATUS.

3. COMMENT: TURKISH MOVES APPEAR TO BE PURELY DEFENSIVE AND KEYED TO POSSIBLE CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS DURING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. ACCORDING EMBASSY CONTACTS, TMT UNDER STRICT ORDERS WITHHOLD FIRE.

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